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The Honourable Lily Munro,
Minister of Citizenship and Culture,
Toronto, Ontario

Dear Dr. Munro:

Pursuant to Order-in-Council 2521/84, I am pleased to submit herewith the Annual report for 1984/85 on behalf of my predecessor, Dr. Mavis E. Burke, President of the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley W. Frolick, Q.C.
President

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New President's Message

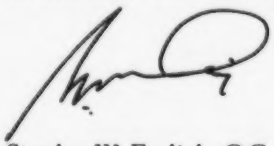
Upon reviewing the past performance of the Ontario Advisory Council onMulti-culturalism and Citizenship under the distinguished leadership of my predecessor, Dr. Mavis E. Burke, I am impressed by the multifaceted activities of the Council and its various committees, and the results that were achieved during the course of the fiscal year 1984-85. I congratulate the former president, the executive committee, all the members of this Council and the staff for a job well done.

The Council is unique in its *raison d'être*, its operations and its composition. It is the latter that is most worthy of special mention.

Council membership is drawn from all the regions of Ontario and, more important, from a wide variety of ethnocultural communities that make up this province's population spectrum. The criteria for the selection of members has been a high degree of involvement in the life of the respective community, leadership qualities and an abiding, deep commitment to the concept and practice of multiculturalism.

My short term in office has been sufficient to enable me to appreciate the outstanding individual qualifications and remarkable idealism of the members. The periodic addition of new members results in new ideas, fresh enthusiasm and new approaches being brought into the Council. This, in turn, ensures a constant process of renewal, making it unlikely that this Council will fall into a rigid mould or become static.

I look forward to meeting the challenges that lie before us by being innovative and striking out in new directions with new programs and initiatives. I look forward to working with you to realize the objectives of this Council.



Stanley W. Frolick, Q.C.
President

Past President's Message

The year 1984/85 has been a special one for the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship. The decision of the Ontario Government to renew the Council's mandate for a further five years ended the uncertainty of the review period and reinforced the government's commitment to the continuing role of citizen participation in the development and monitoring of public policy. Changes in mandate, membership and focus were a positive response from government to the Council's internal review process.

The Council's preparation for the required "sunset review" resulted in the first documentation of the historical background of the origins and development of the agency from 1973 to 1983. This comprehensive study, *A Decade in Review*, will continue to serve as a bench mark for an evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of the first ten years of the Council.

From April to September 1984, members completed work on a number of issues. These included a response to the *Macaulay Report on the Arts* as the Advisory Council continued to promote the heritage arts as an integral part of the definition of Canadian culture. As a practical demonstration of this approach, Council members were actively involved in the heritage component of the 1984 Ontario Bicentennial Advisory Commission, contributing to its multicultural dimension.

The change of mandate and membership in September 1984 initiated a new phase of Council activities, requiring a period for planning and orientation for new members. Introduction of a new regional focus also required time for development. The change in title from chairperson to president at midyear has not yet altered the leadership role and function but will allow the Executive Committee to provide an improvement in communication and accountability for the agency.

Priority was given to the development of strategies to encourage and build a sense of belonging — of citizenship — for all Canadian youth. The possibility of an age-of-majority recognition ceremony was explored as one method of bringing all Canadian youth together. Throughout the year, ways to bring youth perspectives into the multicultural orbit were discussed. United Nations Youth Year 1985 gave added impetus to this priority area although funding constraints seriously affected the implementation of planned projects.

Outreach demonstrated new perspectives this year. Tentative steps were taken to improve understanding of Native people's issues and concerns. An introductory meeting with Native leaders confirmed the need to follow up this initiative in order to build trust and identify common objectives.

Educational matters continued to be of concern. The Council identified ways in which the education system at various levels could better meet the needs of ethnocultural minorities. The call for a provincial review of heritage language/modern language education was renewed, with a view to the improvement of teacher status and qualification, methods of instruction and publication of current statistics. Representation of ethnocultural minority perspectives on provincial education commissions became an issue. The need for development of a comprehensive provincial policy on foreign students at schools, colleges and universities also became a priority.

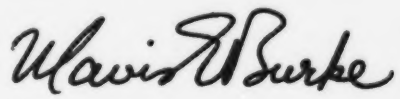
At the end of the financial year, March 1985, plans were well underway for yet another Council innovation: a residential policy workshop for all members to be held in April 1985. The basis for this program was two-fold: to provide an informal setting in which members could get to know each other better, with a view to establishing a relationship of trust; and to create a structured learning experience focused on the development of provincial multicultural and citizenship policy. A study guide to the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture's *Ontario and Multiculturalism* was distributed to each Council member in preparation for the workshop.

Past President's Message

On behalf of all the members of the Advisory Council, I would like to express our appreciation to the many members of the government, civil service and the community at large who have assisted the agency in so many different and important ways. The Council's ability to function as an arm's length agency of the Government of Ontario depends on a sensitive balance of relationships; the Council acknowledges the support it has received in maintaining its independence and objectivity.

The efforts of a small, hard-working staff should also be recognized in any assessment of the agency's past contributions and future possibilities. The members of Council recognize the contributions of former executive officer Mrs. Astrid D'Souza and Public Relations Officer Mr. Orest Kowalsky, who moved to new positions during 1984/85.

As my term of office ends, I remain convinced of the potential of the Council as an arm's-length agency of the Ontario government and am absolutely committed to the concept of lay participation in public policy formulation and assessment. I see this level of input as vital to the future of Canada's multicultural, multiracial, multilingual and multifaith society. Life together as Canadians must continue to be the main concern of the Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship.



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Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship

The Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism was established by an Order-in-Council on September 26, 1973 following a recommendation of the June 1972 Heritage Ontario Congress, a consultative body reporting through the Provincial Secretary of Social Development. The Council's title and mandate were extended in 1979 to include citizenship as affecting the rights and responsibilities of all Canadians. At the completion of the "sunset review" of the first ten years of the Council, a new Order-in-Council extended the Council for a five-year period to 1989.

The Council is an advisory body. Members are appointed by an Order-in-Council for the specific purpose of advising the Government of Ontario on all matters within the government's jurisdiction relating to multiculturalism and citizenship affecting all persons in Ontario.

In addition to submitting recommendations, the Council's activities include public forums, regional consultations, committee meetings, studies, surveys and reports.

The Council has a president, two vice-presidents and a maximum of sixty members, representing a wide range of ethnocultural backgrounds and occupations across Ontario.

Concerns and objectives of the Council are:

- To promote provincial policies that guarantee equality of opportunity for all residents of Ontario.
- To monitor and advise on policies relating to access to government services for all Ontarians.
- To promote policies and programs that will lead to positive attitudes toward racial, religious, linguistic and cultural diversity in Canada's multicultural society.
- To encourage all ethnocultural groups in Ontario to share the richness and diversity of their cultural heritage with the general community.
- To encourage policies that facilitate preservation of the heritage of all Ontarians and recognition of the contribution of all members of the society.
- To provide assistance in clarifying for the public, Government policies relating to multiculturalism within a context of full, equal and responsible citizenship for all residents in Ontario.

The Council works through its Executive Committee and other committees which deal with wide-ranging issues and relevant areas of concern. From April to September 1984, the subcommittees were:

- Citizenship, Immigration and Refugee Committee
- Cultural Affairs and Heritage Committee
- Education and Youth Concerns Committee
- Human Rights and Race Relations Committee
- Media and Communications Committee
- Social Development Committee

After September 1984, the system of regional and ad hoc committees was introduced. These are:

Regional Committees

- Central A Committee, Greater Toronto
- Central B Committee, Toronto
- Eastern Regional Committee
- Northern Regional Committee
- Southwestern Regional Committee

Ad Hoc Committees

- Immigrant Women's Committee
- Interfaith Committee
- International Youth Year Committee
- Editorial Board

The Lieutenant-Governor, by and with the advice and concurrence of the Executive Council, orders that

WHEREAS the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship (the "Council") established by Order-in-Council numbered OC-2948/79, was scheduled for sunset review effective March 31st, 1984, by Order-in-Council numbered OC-691/80 as part of the government-wide review of advisory agencies; and extended by Order-in-Council numbered OC-870/84, to September 30th, 1984, to allow a complete review of its mandate and activities to be completed;

AND WHEREAS the functions and operations of the Council have been reviewed;

THEREFORE the Council shall be continued until September 30th, 1989, in order to advise the Government of Ontario through the Minister of Citizenship and Culture on those matters within the authority of the Government of Ontario which pertain to multiculturalism and citizenship development within the context of full, equal and responsible citizenship for residents of Ontario, and in particular:

responding to specific government requests for advice relating to policy formulation and program development and delivery;

examining and commenting on the effectiveness in a multicultural society of the policies, programs and service delivery mechanisms of the ministries and agencies of the Government of Ontario;

to assist in promoting the concept of a multicultural Ontario as set out in the government's multicultural policy with reference to equality, access and participation, cultural retention and sharing.

The Council ensures that its advice reflects the needs, desires, aspirations and expectations of ethnic communities in the Province as a whole and in particular regions of the Province as defined by the Minister of Citizenship and Culture. The Council shall submit written recommendations semi-annually with regard to the above to the Government of Ontario through the Minister of Citizenship and Culture.

The ministries and agencies to which the said recommendations apply shall submit without delay responses to the Council through the Minister of Citizenship and Culture.

The Council shall prepare and submit an annual report to the Minister of Citizenship and Culture in regard to the Council's activities, views, progress and recommendations.

The Council shall consist of up to sixty (60) members who shall be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council from among residents of Ontario who are sensitive to the multicultural nature of Ontario society and knowledgeable about the aspirations and needs of the ethnic communities in the Province as a whole and in the regions defined by the Minister of Citizenship and Culture.

The Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council shall designate one of the members to be the President and one or more of them to be Vice-President(s) of the Council.

Members shall be appointed for a term of two years and be eligible for not more than two consecutive terms, except for those appointed President or Vice-President in which case no more than three consecutive terms shall be served.

Initially one half of the members shall be appointed for one year, and one half for two years, so that as nearly as possible the terms of one half of the members expire each year.

The structure of the Council reflects both a province-wide focus and a regional orientation as follows:

The Council shall establish an Executive Committee consisting of the President, Vice-President(s) and regional convenors.

The Minister shall designate one member from each particular region as defined by the Minister to serve as the regional convenors.

The Council shall meet at least two times a year and the Executive Committee as often as deemed necessary.

The Council shall adhere to administrative guidelines, policies and procedures applicable to agencies, boards and commissions of the Government of Ontario.

All government ministries, agencies, boards and commissions shall assist the Council to the fullest extent in order that it may carry out its duties and functions.

Order-in-Council numbered OC-2948/79 be revoked effective March 31st, 1984.

Full Council Meeting

JUNE 22–23, 1984

Council members, still awaiting the results of the Ontario government's "sunset review", met on June 22, 1984 for the first meeting of the new fiscal year.

In the chairperson's opening address, Dr. Mavis E. Burke, welcomed the opportunity for members to complete their deliberations on issues previously identified by the Council's committees.

In response to the invitation to share information about their activities over the previous months, Council members reported that they had been involved in many different undertakings in Canada and abroad. Regional reports were given by Mr. Rick Ayoub (Eastern Region), Mrs. Margareta Milne (Northern Region) and Dr. George Woo (Central Region).

Council committee reports followed:

- Citizenship, Immigration and Refugee Committee
- Cultural Affairs and Heritage Committee
- Education and Youth Concerns Committee
- Human Rights and Race Relations Committee
- Media and Communications Committee
- Social Development Committee
- The Ad Hoc Interfaith Committee

The formal proceedings were followed by a preview of the CBC film presentation entitled *Two Families: Thunder Bay* at the Royal Ontario Museum Theatre. This special event was hosted jointly by the Advisory Council and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's Ontario Region. The film featured two families from the Thunder Bay area: the family of Council member, Mrs. Ruth Corbett; and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Erkkila, a Finnish family. Invited guests included government representatives, community leaders and members from the Native community and the Finnish community. Council members later expressed their views that the preview at the Royal Ontario Museum had been very successful, both as a community event and as evidence of the way in which the media could make positive contribution to intercultural understanding.

On June 23, 1984 the Plenary Session reconvened with a welcome from the chairperson and proceeded to consider a series of recommendations presented by the various committees for the approval of the full Council. (See end of this report for detailed recommendations.)

Ray Pavlove, acting convenor, Education and Youth Concerns Committee, presented a recommendation to the Council with reference to the Ontario government's policies and programs in education regarding visa students and Ontario's other international educational involvements and commitments. After due discussion, the Council agreed to accept a series of recommendations intended to classify the Government's position and to ensure fair treatment of foreign students accepted in Ontario educational institutions at all levels.

George Corn, convenor, Citizenship, Immigration and Refugee Committee, presented the committee's recommendation that the Government of Ontario review its overall objectives for immigration policy, involvement in the selection process and setting of priorities and immigration levels. The recommendation was accepted by the Council.

Joanna Kuras, convenor, Human Rights and Relations Committee, presented a recommendation that the Government of Ontario urge the Government of Canada to use its good offices with the Government of India to seek a peaceful resolution through dialogue, mutual understanding and compassion ensuring the legitimate aspirations, dignity and human rights of the Sikh community of India. The Council accepted the recommendation.

George Woo, committee member, Media and Communications Committee, presented a recommendation that the Canadian Parliament officially acknowledge the mistreatment of Japanese Canadians in the past and ensure that similar internments and mistreatment would not occur in the future. After due discussion the Council accepted the recommendation.

Vara Singh, convenor, Interfaith Committee, presented the committee's recommendation that space be provided in the main building at Queen's Park for meditation and for celebration of their festivals or holy days by religious communities. A further recommendation proposed that interfaith resource material be forwarded to local school boards by the Ministry of Education. The Council accepted this recommendation.

Full Council Meeting

JUNE 22-23, 1984

At the conclusion of the Plenary Session, a consultation was held with representatives of the Native community. Ms. Roberta Jaimeson, Six Nations Reserve Ohsweken, was the guest speaker. A number of Native panelists also addressed the group. These special guests were: Donna Phillips, president, Ontario Native Women's Association; Joe Sylvester, counsellor, Native Canadian Centre of Toronto; Keith Lickers, education officer, Elementary Education Branch, Ministry of Education; Tom Hill, museum director, Woodland Indian Cultural Education Centre; Chief Fred Plains and his daughter, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation. This was followed by a general discussion of Native rights and related issues. Dr. Orest Rudzik, vice-chairperson, then thanked the visitors on behalf of the Advisory Council and the meeting was adjourned.

The following recommendations were accepted in Plenary Session on June 23, 1984 by the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship and forwarded to the Government of Ontario* through the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture:

Recommendations, Council Meeting, June 23, 1984

Citizenship, Immigration and Refugee Committee

RECOMMENDATION (Summary)
The Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship recommends

THAT the Government of Ontario review its overall objectives of immigration policy and its involvement in the selection process and setting of priorities and immigration levels. Such policy should be co-ordinated in one governmental department which would deal with immigration and refugee matters with federal and other levels of government and co-operate with ethnocultural communities in Ontario.

Education and Youth Concerns Committee

Re: Visa Students

RECOMMENDATION 1

a) **THAT** the Ontario government examine its policies and programs in education regarding visa students and Ontario's other international educational involvements and commitments.

b) **THAT** the Government of Ontario, in conjunction with other provincial governments and the federal government, develop a general Canadian policy or guidelines on visa students.

RECOMMENDATION 2

THAT appropriate Ministries examine how potential students should be informed of living and educational conditions before their arrival in Canada.

RECOMMENDATION 3

THAT the status of visa students regarding Ontario Hospital Insurance Plan premiums be examined.

RECOMMENDATION 4

a) **THAT** standards of advertising be developed, by the Ontario government through co-operation and consultation with the institutions;

b) **THAT** criteria or standards be established regarding the operations of institutions that enrol visa students; and

c) **THAT** an enforcement mechanism be provided.

RECOMMENDATION 5

THAT the government examine the position of visa students regarding the Ontario tax credit.

RECOMMENDATION 6

THAT the government re-examine its policy regarding the fees of visa students.

Human Rights and Race Relations Committee

Re: Human Rights in India

PREAMBLE
The members of the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship are distressed that the dispute between the Government of India and members of its Sikh community has resulted in armed conflict with the consequent loss of life.

*Responses have been received and are available on request from the Council office.

Full Council Meeting

JUNE 22-23, 1984

RECOMMENDATION
The Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship requests:

THAT the Government of Ontario urge the Government of Canada to use its good offices with the Government of India to seek a peaceful resolution of the conflict through dialogue, mutual understanding and compassion ensuring the legitimate aspirations, dignity and human rights of the Sikh community of India.

Interfaith Ad Hoc Committee

Re: Religious Heritage Sharing

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario supports a policy of interfaith understanding, **and**

WHEREAS representatives of many faith communities, at a Public Forum sponsored by the Advisory Council, expressed a hope that their religious festivals or holy days could be celebrated with participation of some members of the Ontario Legislature and senior civil servants, **and**

WHEREAS there is a need for mutual sharing of our diverse cultural and religious heritage in a spirit of understanding, respect and acceptance of one another, **and**

WHEREAS there is a need for maintaining and supporting our spiritual values in our daily lives.

RECOMMENDATION
Therefore, the Advisory Council recommends to the Government of Ontario

THAT space be provided in the main building at Queen's Park for meditation and for celebration, by religious communities, of their festivals or holy days.

Re: Interfaith Understanding in Schools

PREAMBLE
Interfaith understanding requires a commitment to transmit the values of respect and acceptance of others.

The education system plays a major role in shaping values and attitudes. Attitudes are formed at a very young age.

The educational system has not had adequate resources to provide effective programs in the area of interfaith understanding.

RECOMMENDATIONS
To give greater effect to the policy of interfaith understanding, the Advisory Council recommends;

- the development and distribution to local school boards, by the Ministry of Education, of interfaith resource materials,
- the development of a program to assist educational administrators, teachers and staff in becoming more aware of the religious diversity of Ontario and to interfaith understanding.
- the integration of interfaith subject matter at the primary level, into subject areas which are a part of the course curriculum, such as history, geography and social studies.

Social Development Committee/
Human Rights and Race Relations Committee

Ad Hoc Committee On The Lawlor Report

Re: Hate Propaganda

RECOMMENDATION
In view of the public commitment to action against hate propaganda, the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship recommends to the Government of Ontario:

THAT the Ontario Government amend the Human Rights Code to include discrimination against a class of persons or a group of individuals who are being discriminated against on the basis of race or religion by hate propaganda.

THAT the amendments to the Human Rights Code recommended by the Lawlor Report be supported and that those amendments ensure that all legislation dealing with group defamation cover all forms of communication.

Full Council Meeting

SEPTEMBER 21–22

The September 21, 1984 Council meeting began with individual committee meetings to discuss concerns relating to each committee and to finalize recommendations to be presented to the full Council.

The Plenary Session was opened with an address by Dr. Mavis E. Burke, the Council's chairperson. In her remarks, Dr. Burke noted that this was the final meeting of the 1983/84 Council under its current mandate and that the extended term of the Council and its members to September 30th, 1984 had provided an opportunity to complete work undertaken by committees and to clarify goals and objectives essential to the concept of a multicultural society.

In conclusion, the chairperson stressed that although this meeting marked the end of an era of the Council, it offered the opportunity to emphasize the concerns which needed priority. She appealed to members not to lose this valuable opportunity to "continue to contribute to the betterment of our multicultural society."

Council members reported on events at which they had represented the Council as well as projects or activities in which they had participated.

Following a brief introduction on committee structure and procedure by Orest Rudzik, vice-chairperson, reports were presented by the convenors of the following committees:

George Corn, Citizenship, Immigration and Refugee Committee
George Burski (on behalf of convenor, Margaret Hudak), Cultural Affairs Committee
Keith McLeod, Education and Youth Concerns Committee
George Maroosis, Social Development/Human Rights and Race Relations Committee
Richard Cumbo, Media and Communications Committee
Vara Singh, Interfaith Ad Hoc Committee

Council members were asked to read and comment on the *Hansard Official Report of Debates* issued by the Legislative Assembly of Ontario. ***A Decade in Review***, the confidential report of the Council's ten years, was distributed and members were invited to comment either verbally or in writing.

Group meetings of the Citizenship committees and Multicultural committees chaired respectively by Co-Ordinators Orest Rudzik and Maggie Milne took place. At the conclusion, an informal dinner for members, sponsors and staff was held.

Plenary Session reconvened on Saturday, September 22 with a welcome from the chairperson to all members and a special welcome to the guests who were present. In her opening address, Dr. Burke stated, "The province of Ontario has had the benefit of a decade of service by government-appointed citizens committed to Canada, and to the integration of ethnocultural minorities in the life of Ontario. The experience of the Ontario Advisory council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship demonstrates the significance, as well as the implications of citizen participation in future policy-making, for the betterment of Ontario's multicultural society."

The chairperson also spoke about the Council's achievements, "In administering the Council's affairs during my terms of office, there has been a conscious effort on my part to invite participation and to broaden the basis of leadership, so that more members have the opportunity to make this kind of contribution. Women have been included in leadership roles, as have members of visible minority groups. The concerns of Franco-Ontarians and Native people have received the Council's attention. Regional representation has been introduced on an experimental basis and has provided clear direction for enhancement of this focus for future activity. Public consultations and other events have been held in Toronto, Ottawa, Sudbury, Thunder Bay, Peterborough and Kingston. The Council has been encouraged to address itself to its multi-dimensional mandate of giving recognition to diversity as characteristic of Canadian identity, while acknowledging the unifying factors of shared Canadian citizenship — giving value to the freedoms, the rights and the responsibilities that we share as Canadians."

The Plenary Session proceeded with a series of recommendations presented by the various committees for the approval of the full Council. (See end of this report for detailed recommendations.)

Orest Rudzik, vice-chairperson, stated for the benefit of the observers, that the committees were

Full Council Meeting

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divided into two categories, one under the heading of Citizenship, the other under the heading of Multiculturalism. Dr. Rudzik called on the convenors of the Citizenship committees to present recommendations which would then be forwarded to the Government of Ontario through the Minister of Citizenship and Culture.

George Corn, convenor, Citizenship, Immigration and Refugee Committee, reported on the work done on a suggested outline of the *Young Ontario Citizens' Book*, a booklet to be presented to Canadians on attaining age 18. He explained the proposal that the Ontario government develop and distribute the booklet in association with provincial and municipal politicians, to our young Ontarians on or prior to their 18th birthday. The recommendation was moved by Mary Amyotte, seconded by George Corn. The motion was carried.

George Maroosis, convenor, Social Development Committee, reported for the Ad Hoc Committee recommending that the Ontario Government amend the Human Rights Code to include discrimination against a class of persons or a group of individuals who are being discriminated against on the basis of race or religion by hate propaganda. The motion was moved by Rick Ayoub, seconded by Klaus Bongart and carried.

Margaret Hudak, convenor, Cultural Affairs Committee, presented the final report on behalf of her committee. It was recommended that this report be accepted. The motion was moved by Margaret Hudak, seconded by Rick Ayoub.

Madeline Ziniak, co-convenor, Media and Communications Committee, introduced Dr. Suwanda Sugunasiri who presented the Committee's report "Multiculturalism in Toronto's Print Media" on behalf of the Media and Communications Committee. This was discussed by members.

Keith McLeod, convenor, Education and Youth Concerns Committee, presented a report on behalf of the committee. He stated that the committee was responding to recommendations contained in the *Provincial Review Report*. Professor McLeod presented the committee's further recommendations that a provincial review of the Heritage Languages Program be conducted and that a study be launched to determine how all children in Ontario could be taught a third language.

After the meeting was adjourned, a buffet luncheon was held for all members. Mr. Arthur Gelber, chairman, Ontario Bicentennial Advisory Commission, was the guest speaker. He discussed the Ontario Bicentennial celebrations and the participation of ethnocultural communities in various activities across the province. Mr. Gelber was appreciative of the Council's involvement in the event and thanked Dr. Burke for her contribution as a member of the Ontario Bicentennial Advisory Commission.

In the closing session, members of the press and community representatives joined Council members in an open forum "Multiculturalism and Citizenship – Ontario Perspectives". The Honourable Susan Fish, Minister of Citizenship and Culture, attended as special guest. The chairperson welcomed the minister who was then formally introduced by Mr. Hanny Hassan, Council member.

The minister announced the government's decision to renew the Council until 1989, congratulated the chairperson and all members on their work, and expressed her confidence in the continued contribution of the Council over the next decade.

The minister noted, "We will be seeing a somewhat reshaped and stronger-than-ever Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship to carry us ahead for the next several years and ensure that solid quality advice continues to come to me, to my successors and to the Government of Ontario."

Dr. Burke thanked the minister for her remarks, and after an open discussion session, the meeting was adjourned, ending the operation of the Advisory Council under the existing mandate established by Order-in-Council OC-691/80.

The following recommendations were accepted in Plenary Session on September 22, 1984 by the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship and forwarded to the Government of Ontario* through the Minister of Citizenship and Culture:

* Responses have been received and are available on request from the Council Office.

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PREAMBLE

The United Nations has proclaimed the year 1985 as "International Youth Year". The recently established Ministry of Youth of the federal government issued a proclamation in support of the International Youth Year.

Immigrants and refugees who have resided in Canada for a three-year period are, upon application, vested Canadian citizenship by the Citizenship Court in a ceremony celebrating this occasion.

Born Canadians are automatically Canadian citizens and together with children of refugees and immigrants who became Canadian citizens will gain all their rights and responsibilities, including the right to vote, by attaining the age of majority, by virtue of law, and without anybody's attention.

Vienna, the capital of Austria, has carried on for decades a very successful program for those youths attaining the age of political maturity, the year when young Austrians become voting citizens. Upon the invitation of His Lordship, the mayor of Vienna, youths 19 years of age are invited to a free concert, theatre or ball, are congratulated and given two beautiful books to remember the year when they became equal citizens of their country.

The Citizenship, Immigration and Refugee Committee of the Council considers the attainment of the age of 18 by all these young Canadian citizens an important milestone of their lives which deserves some recognition by the Ontario government and the government of the municipality where the citizens live. This idea has been endorsed by the Council in principle and developed in the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship feels that the attainment of the age of majority, the year when Ontario young citizens become equal citizens of Canada, should be recognized by the Ontario government and governments of municipalities of our Province.

WHEREAS the United Nations has designated 1985 as International Youth Year: themes are participation, development and peace.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship in support of the concept of equal citizenship recommends:

THAT the Ontario Government develop and distribute a book entitled *Young Ontario Citizens' Book*. The booklet should be distributed by provincial and municipal politicians on a suitable occasion to our young Ontarians on or prior to their 18th birthday.

The book should contain: message from the premier; short description of rights, duties and responsibilities of the new voter; and structure of the Ontario society such as political levels of government, main political parties, ethnic groups and multicultural face of the province, continuing educational programs, an opportunity for activity for young citizens' participation in local community involvements, etc. and some representative pictures of Ontario, its natural beauty, lives and achievements of its residents. This book should also provide an opportunity for the municipal governments to enclose their inserts.

THAT the Ontario government put aside sufficient funds for the development of this booklet and outline of the total program.

Re: Refugee Assistance Facilities

PREAMBLE

While the federal government does provide sponsored newcomers with basic necessities such as clothing and other domestic requirements, other newcomers find themselves in need of such assistance.

Previously Ontario Welcome House had a wide selection of used clothing, footwear, toys, etc., for free distribution among newcomers. These items were collected by other agencies. We are fully aware that Welcome House, as a government agency cannot collect such items, yet we feel that it is very important — particularly in the case of refugees — that the basic necessities be available to them at a central location.

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Therefore the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship recommends:

THAT Ontario Welcome House provide free facilities on its premises to some agencies engaged in collecting clothing, footwear and other similar items for distribution to newcomers to Ontario.

The same principle should apply to other immigration centres across Ontario which are helping immigrants and refugees settle in Ontario.

Re: Homemaker Benefits

RECOMMENDATION
WHEREAS the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship considers the family as the fundamental unit of our society, in order to strengthen and improve the quality of family life and to recognize the contribution of the homemaker to the family and to improve and develop full and equal citizenship and some stability of family relations in Ontario:

The Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship endorses the idea of increasing social benefits for homemakers.

Education and Youth Concerns Committee

Response to Provincial Review Report
Re: NATIVE EDUCATION

PREAMBLE
The Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship congratulates the Government of Ontario Ministry of Education for issuing the *Provincial Review Report on Native Education* (Number 1, 1984). The *Report*, at times candidly and at other times with some hesitancy, outlines a number of concerns regarding the provisions for native education in Ontario.

We refer the Ministry of Education to the previous recommendations and reports of this Council. However, in order to emphasize our current concerns, we are explicitly making the following observations and recommendations at this time.

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) The OACMC congratulates the Ministry on its support for the concept of Native control of Native education. The increasing evidence of Native representation on the school boards and the establishment of advisory/steering committees gives Native people a much greater say in the democratic process of control. We believe that every effort must be made to open and maintain lines of communication between school boards and representatives of the people of Native ancestry. *We suggest that further emphasis be placed on establishing education/steering committees who can monitor the educational program, the concerns and efforts of educators, and stimulate interest and participation by Native people.*

(2) We also congratulate the Ministry of Education on their efforts to support Native education and to increase the knowledge of the Native people among the general population. The employment of personnel, such as Mr. Keith Lickers, who have a sensitivity to the concerns of Native people, the evidence of improvement in enrolment of Native children and the publication of the PONA series, together with the system of representation of Native People on school boards alluded to previously, are important provisions which have improved the status and operation of education for Native people. Much progress remains to be achieved.

(3) We support the efforts of the Native people to secure agreements between DINA, band councils and local provincial school boards. We believe that these agreements provide an excellent opportunity by which schooling for Native people can continue to improve. These agreements to be most effective should be clearly written, specific in their provisions and reflect the needs at the local level. The agreements could provide an effective device for accountability, so that Native people are certain they are receiving the attention and services that are contracted for. *We therefore recommend that the Ministry encourage the contracts to be clearly written, specific and reflect local needs and concerns;* if need be, the contracts should be monitored.

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(4) With regard to enrolment, *we recommend that the Ministry, educators and the Native People continue to work together to adjust and improve the educational opportunities for Native people, children, youth and adult. Most specifically, we recommend that particular efforts be made to increase the number of students enrolled in the senior grades, and in the advanced level of the program.*

(5) A major means by which the schools may communicate their interest and concern for Native people is through language provisions. *We therefore recommend: that where appropriate boards have teachers or assistants conversant in the Native language(s); that every effort be made to improve the Native language programs and integrate these into the school day so that they are available to students who are bussed.*

(6) The Ministry of Education, when implementing the recommendations of the SERP report regarding multiculturalism should particularly keep in mind the attitudes of Canadians toward Native people. *We therefore recommend that the Ministry monitor its own curricular revisions with regard to content vis-a-vis Native peoples.*

(7) Whereas the PONA series and other resources regarding Native people were developed not just for Native students but for any student, and whereas the evidence cited in the *Provincial Review Report* suggests that there is a lack of awareness and of the use of these resources, *we recommend that the Ministry, school boards and teachers' federations, through professional development, take steps to remedy this situation.*

(8) The local public libraries in Ontario have an essential educational role to play. *We therefore recommend that libraries be encouraged to reach out and respond to the needs of Native people in terms of both services and resources.*

(9) *The Provincial Review Report* cites the need for the adjustment of the professional education and professional development of teachers of Native students. *We therefore recommend that additional pre-service education and orientation be required of teachers who wish to be considered for employment in educating Native children. We further recommend that systematic in-service education of teachers be planned by the Ministry, school boards and teachers' federations.* Such pre-service and in-service education should include learning styles, curriculum development, discipline, values and cultural knowledge.

Further, *we recommend that the Ministry of Education establish a Specialist certificate, and the course leading to it, in Native education.*

(10) As there is still an insufficient number of teachers of Native background, *we recommend that the Ministry continue to support and develop programs by which Native people can become classroom teachers.* If necessary, the Ministry should look at models outside Ontario where Indian or Native colleges have been developed.

(11) *The Provincial Review Report* states that a Native Education Policy is forthcoming. We concur that a general policy statement which outlines general goals and priorities is important and *we recommend that the policy, when issued, be given wide circulation. We further recommend that the Ministry of Education, work with other levels of government to secure the financial resources to fulfill the goals and priorities. We also recommend that Native people be given a continuing opportunity to monitor the effectiveness of the achievement of the goals and priorities.*

Re: Heritage Language Programs

PREAMBLE

The Heritage Languages Program in Ontario marked yet another step in Ontario and Canada whereby narrow views on the value and importance of teaching languages were declared obsolete and language education began to secure a rightful place in education.

It is not our intention to cite the pedagogical evidence here except to note that there is evidence that the study of second and third languages enhances children's education, and perhaps even their cognitive abilities.

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Public support for the study of the second official language has grown as has enrolment. Support for heritage language instruction on the other hand has been somewhat confined to those who have children in the program. There are many children in Ontario who would study another language given the opportunity.

There are several approaches the Ministry of Education could take to broaden language education opportunities. For example: (a) elementary schools could be required to offer a third language program to all students as an alternative for students not in a Heritage Languages Course; (b) the Heritage Languages Program could be revised and broadened into a Languages Course; and (c) some combination of both (a) and (b).

We believe that the Heritage Languages Program must continue to provide communities with the opportunity to teach children their languages. However, we believe that the increased interest in languages should be reflected in the general elementary school program. In particular, we believe that by broadening the opportunities for the study of languages, the linguistic and cultural richness in Canada could be reflected in the schools.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship recommends to the Government of Ontario:

(a) **THAT** a provincial review of the Heritage Languages Program be conducted.

(b) **THAT** a study be conducted to determine how all children in Ontario could be taught a third language.

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This meeting was an orientation meeting for the full Council as reconstituted under its new mandate.

A preliminary registration and coffee hour provided a opportunity for Council members to meet the staff and to greet each other in an informal setting. Each new member was assigned to a resource person who had served on the Council during the previous year. This arrangement provided for individual orientation to the Council during the two-day session. New members later expressed their appreciation for this orientation.

Dr. Mavis E. Burke, president, welcomed members to the first meeting of the new Council. Following the president's remarks, Council members and staff introduced themselves. This was a very interesting session indicating the wide range of experience and community involvement of the combined membership. There was a special guest speaker, Canon Borden Purcell, chairman, Ontario Human Rights Commission, who focused his remarks on the multicultural concept and human rights, and called for recognition of the freedoms commemorated by International Rights Day, December 10, 1984.

The second day of the orientation session opened with a welcome by Dr. Burke. It was noted that the Council was beginning the 1984-85 session with just over 50 per cent new membership and that in the course of the day much time would be devoted to explaining the Council's mandate and answering questions about the Council's role and achievements.

Special mention was made of the Council's work on specific issues such as: Report on Immigrant Women, 1979; Report on Equal Opportunity, 1982; Amendments to the Human Rights Bill #7; the Children's Act, 1982; Race Relations Policy, 1983; Illegal Immigrant Issue Paper 1983; and the Macaulay Inquiry on the Arts, 1983.

It was noted that public meetings had taken place outside of the Toronto area and that from time to time there had been consultation meetings with specific groups such as the media, youth from across the province and with multicultural centres and interfaith groups.

Research was conducted on a number of topics and recommendations were formulated on a wide range of issues such as heritage languages, policy on seniors and multicultural education. Other activities were community oriented such as community outreach programs and letters of greeting to ethnocultural communities. Representation at community celebrations was another major area of Council involvement in networking throughout the multicultural community.

Orest Rudzik, vice-president, elaborated on the recent transition from issue-oriented committees to the regional concept. He recommended the *Ten Year Review*, a historical report of the Council, as a vital document especially for newly appointed members. He stated that the *Annual Report 1983-84* reflected the structure and, the two thrusts of the Council - cultural and citizenship.

Maggie Milne, vice-president, monitored the Multiculturalism committees while Orest Rudzik monitored the Citizenship committees. A brief account of these committees and the issues they explored was discussed. Dr. Rudzik concluded by stating that it was gratifying to note that several recommendations presented by these committees had been acted on over time.

Ontario Government Presentation Multiculturalism and Citizenship

The afternoon session was attended by a team of five senior officials from the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture headed by the Assistant Deputy Minister, Mr. Randolph Norberg. Dr. Burke welcomed the group and thanked them for attending. After a brief introduction, Mr. Norberg introduced the session on "Multiculturalism and Citizenship". He discussed his own experience as a public servant and spoke highly of the very harmonious working relationship that exists between the Multicultural and Citizenship Division and the Advisory Council. He mentioned some of the recent programs and developments in the Ontario government such as Mini-Welcome Houses and the recently announced Multicultural Services Program through which muticultural organizations may receive operating support, "an initiative which came about as a result of input made by the

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Advisory Council and others." Mr. Norberg stated further that members' familiarity with the regions of Ontario should be of tremendous benefit to the Ministry and urged them to use "this two-way path of information to the Ministry through the Council and also through their individual contributions and insights, both of which would be tremendously valuable." The Ministry of Citizenship and Culture, Regional Services Branch, community organizations and local MPP's were named as other channels of communication with the government, as was the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture, Culture Division, which provided programs related to areas in which the Council had taken a special interest. Members were encouraged to read the Minister's Estimate Statement as it gives examples of projects being undertaken through the divisions of the Ministry.

Mr. Moe Diakowsky, executive director, Multiculturalism and Citizenship Division, traced the development of the Ontario government's multicultural policy which was articulated in 1977 by Premier William Davis and referred to the three elements: equality, access and participation; cultural sharing and retention.

Mr. Clive Joakim, director, Newcomer Services Branch, spoke about the resettlement programs offered by the Newcomer Services Branch. He discussed the programs designed to help those who come to Ontario who need help, and what Ontario does to provide assistance. Mr. Joakim indicated that the needs of refugees and the family-sponsored immigrants lie in the areas of employment, shelter, health care, education and social services. The Government provides all of these services to all citizens of Ontario.

Ms. Whipple Steinkrauss, director, Citizenship Development Branch, gave a presentation on the programs offered by that branch. It was noted that they dealt with issues such as community participation, multicultural support, community leadership, organizational development and voluntarism. An overview of each was given.

Mr. Fred Boden, director, Native Community Branch, gave insight into some of the work of the Native Community Branch and named the locations of the ten offices across the province that are actively involved in these programs. He noted that staff was involved mainly in community development work in various Native communities in Ontario, whereas programs of the provincial office in Toronto dealt with major provincial organizations. In the area of social and cultural issues, they supported Native people in cultural retention programs and promotion of Native artists. Mr. Boden recommended *The Struggle for Equality*, a book published by the Ontario Native Women's Association, as interesting and informative for those interested in learning more about the aboriginal peoples of Canada.

Maggie Milne, vice-president, thanked the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture guests for their presentations and expressed special appreciation for the assistant deputy minister's remarks encouraging members to seek direction from the Ministry and maintain the harmonious relationship that exists between the Ministry and the Council.

Central "A"

Convenor

Dr. Suwanda H.J. Sugunasiri

Members

Mrs. Eva Terp, Alternate Convenor
Mr. Nykola Chreptiuk
Mrs. Irene Chu
Mrs. Lilia Hawkins
Dr. Shahida Khan
Mr. Vladimir Mauko
Mrs. Mollye Nisker
Mrs. Elvira Sanchez de Malicki
Mrs. Vara Singh
Mr. Tiet Van Nguyen

The central "A" Regional Committee is made up of a vibrant, experienced and dedicated group of men and women, primarily from outlying areas of Toronto (but including a few from North Toronto.) At their first meeting in December 8, 1984, the committee members identified seven issues on which to work. Dates for monthly meetings were agreed upon and the committee was off to a good start.

A total of six committee meetings, two sub-committee meetings and one teleconference were held during the year. The major achievement was the finalizing and adoption of recommendations of the report "Multiculturalism in Toronto's Print Media", completed by the outgoing Media and Communications Committee and forwarded by the 1983/84 Council for action. This became a priority activity.

The major on-going activity related to "The Sensitizing of Existing Systems", on which a sub-committee of four is working actively. An exciting idea awaiting position in the proposal is to hold an annual Public Forum. The committee is going for quality over quantity. All of the issues identified and/or acted upon required research, a commodity not easily available to volunteers.

With 11 people on a committee, it is often difficult to find a suitable time to meet. Teleconferencing, though effective in some ways, did not allow for total committee deliberations.

Despite such difficulties, the committee had a useful year, developing good human relations among the members (i.e., discovering individual and collective strengths and weaknesses), with the new members in particular, getting a better handle on their role in Council. I am confident that the upcoming year will witness the flowering of the committee's potential.

I want to thank the members for the quality of their input, as well as their commitment. I cannot thank the members enough for their patience and understanding, as well to Eva Terp, my alternate, whom I thank for her willing assistance. My thanks are also due to Dr. Mavis E. Burke for her confidence in me.

Finally, the committee wishes to thank the office staff of the Council for its support and services rendered.

Dr. Suwanda H.J. Sugunasiri
Convenor

Central "B"

Convenor

Miss Rita Cox

Members

Miss Madeline Ziniak, Alternate Convenor
Mrs. Valve Andre
Mr. Steven Cha
Mr. Alex Christie
Mr. Richard Cumbo
Mrs. Deborah de Morais
Dr. Kappu Desai
Miss Mary Laszlo
Mrs. Valerie Mah
Mr. Churchill Piggott

In 1985, Central "B" Regional Committee concentrated on issues relating to equality of access.

Individual members undertook the tasks of studying relevant reports, (e.g., The Lawlor Report, The Abella Report and a study on Racial Discrimination in Employment – *Who Gets the Work* by Dr. Frances Henry) and of sharing these with the Committee as a whole.

The Committee decided upon exploring two areas: Disabilities and Ethnocultural Minorities, and Youth Concerns.

Interest in the first topic was enhanced by a report of an information seminar on "Ethnic Minorities and Disabilities", sponsored by P.U.S.H. on January 26, 1985. Dr. Mavis E. Burke participated in this seminar, and Central "B" Committee undertook the responsibility to honour a commitment by the Council to provide a similar information session for its members.

A sub-committee, under the able leadership of Valerie Mah, planned and organized a one-day conference where consumers and representatives of organizations and agencies who work with disabled people of mainstream and/or ethnocultural minority backgrounds would meet with members of the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship for meaningful dialogue. This conference is scheduled for June 15th, 1985 at the Metropolitan Toronto Library. Information gathered will form the basis for ongoing dialogue with those groups with whom we have established contact, and for further recommendations to the Council in its work of advising the Government of Ontario.

To mark the International Year of the Youth, and in an attempt to focus on some of the current problems being faced by today's youth, *Dialogue with Youth* was planned and organized in co-operation with members of the I.Y.Y. Committee. Designed as a forum for discussion by a cross-generation and cross-cultural body of persons from various ethnocultural groups, workshop topics were chosen from a list of concerns vital to youth. These topics parallel areas identified by the Senate Committee on Youth. They are Youth and Education, Youth and Employment and Youth, Cultural and Social Issues.

The goal of the seminar, scheduled for June 22, 1985, is "to initiate" channels of communication and dialogue with youth, in order to gain a better appreciation and understanding of the problems and issues facing ethnocultural minority youth . . . and thereafter to make recommendations to the appropriate agency, regarding potential solutions to those problems and issues.

From our work on this project to date, Central "B" Committee, in co-operation with the International Youth Year Committee, has identified the need for an ongoing Youth Liaison Committee of the Council.

I'd like to thank all my committee members for their hard work and dedication with special thanks to Mrs. Mary Amyotte for sharing her expertise and advice which helped make our work more meaningful.

It has been a busy year for Central "B" Region. We continue to work on the "unfinished business" from the seminars, and to cement the links we established. We plan to concentrate on special projects relating to urban issues, to participate in and contribute to making the Regional Structure effective, to be involved in 'special' concerns of the Council and to continue to do our part in striving to meet the Council's stated objectives.

Rita Cox
Convenor

Eastern Region

Convenor

Mr. Jason Yee

Members

Mrs. Miroslawa Gawalewicz,
Alternate Convenor
Mrs. Mary Amyotte
Mr. Benson Osome
Mr. Tito Santos
Mrs. Jane Smits

The Eastern Regional Committee has grown from the original five members to six. We have identified concerns about the lack of services given by government agencies. Although services such as orientation, translation, settlement and language training for first-year immigrants are available, we feel that these services are not sufficient. We think intensive skill and language training for professionals should be made available for immigrants who may have been here for a number of years. We also would like to see facilities provided to serve senior citizens of ethnocultural groups.

Another concern is the establishment of multicultural centres. These centres will help link groups of different ethnic backgrounds so that they will have opportunities to carry out community projects together. Such a multicultural centre will be established in Peterborough in the near future.

At present, we are not ready to make any recommendations. However, we would like to continue pursuing these issues. We plan to go to the grassroots to find out more facts and establish regional support in the coming months. We found in the past that ethnocultural community groups were anxious to meet with us to discuss various issues.

Our first meeting with community groups will be in Kingston on November 18, 1985.

Jason Yee
Convenor

Northern Region

Convenor

Mrs. Ruth Corbett

Members

Mr. George Maroosis, Alternate Convenor
Mr. Peter Bertuzzi
Mr. Bernard Laberge
Mrs. Louise Landriault
Mr. Morris Melenchenko
Mr. Raymond Pavlove
Mr. Edwin Pearson
Mrs. Louise Skrobica

Our initial meeting was primarily an orientation session. Each person had the opportunity to give his/her personal background and to express expectations as Council members generally and as Northern Region members specifically. Issues which are particular to the various areas within our region were aired by the members.

During our subsequent meetings, we identified the concerns as they apply to our region. The elements of equality, access, participation and responsible citizenship, and cultural retention and sharing were discussed and focused on from a northern regional perspective.

We have begun interministerial liaison work in our region. One of the first ministries to take part was the Ministry of Northern Affairs. Mr. Bev Young, Northern Affairs officer, presented an excellent information session to the committee.

Also, we have had good co-operation from the regional office of the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture, in the provision of a physical facility for our meetings.

Some of our members have participated in conferences that focus on issues and concerns in our areas. One such session was the public education meeting on Family Violence. This conference was held in Thunder Bay on March 18, 1985, sponsored by the Ontario Women's Directorate. Also, a conference on Family Violence Prevention/ Wife Assault was held in Thunder Bay on March 19 and 20, 1985 sponsored by the Ministry of Community and Social Services. In addition to major conferences, each of our members participated in activities in his/her home area.

An issue that the committee is grappling with pertains to the development of a multiculturalism and citizenship policy at the provincial level. This activity is a new learning process.

Although we seem to be progressing very well dealing with regional issues, some unique realities of the north have become clearly identified. One of the major realities is the vast geograpgic area that comprises the Northern Region. Some of the major administrative issues we are facing are:

- Travel arrangements are very inconvenient.
- Considerable time and effort are expended to attend a Northern Region Committee meeting.

As an added explanation, the only term that is being met is the provision of a meeting room. None of the other services are available to us from the Thunder Bay office. Consequently, this puts an added burden of responsibility on the convenor.

An objective evaluation is required to address our concerns. All in all, when we meet we accomplish a great deal of work.

Since the inception of the regional concept, our energies have been directed in understanding, accepting and implementing the regional concept of committee work and involvement.

Our committee members find fulfilling the mandate of the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship is a challenging, interesting, and informative experience.

Ruth Corbett
Convenor

Southwestern Region

Convenor

Mr. Hanny Hassan

Members

Dr. Pegi Walden, Alternate Convenor
Prof. Philip Alexander
Mr. Vincent Bucci
Mrs. Caroline Di Cocco
Mr. Lawrie Edinboro
Mr. Joseph Martinelli
Mr. Tim Oikawa
Mr. August Popp
Mr. Zygmunt Zbucki

The Southwestern Regional Committee held informal discussions to decide on the main issues believed to be of regional concern. These were identified as:

- interaction between the home and the school system;
- battered women and women's issues;
- effect of proximity to USA on cultural affairs;
- OACMC members as cross-cultural communicators; and
- concern about mainstream resentment to multicultural programmes.

Each committee member researched the methods being used by the school board in his/her community to effectively communicate with the parents of students, particularly where there are barriers to good communication. Some committee members interviewed ethnocultural community members to determine if there were specific concerns in this area.

A representative of the London Cross Cultural Learner Centre, dealing with sensitization of public bodies and industry to the needs of minority communities, briefed the committee on multicultural policy development and implementation by boards of education in southwestern Ontario.

Further interviews will be conducted and a report and recommendation will be presented at the September Council meeting.

Members of the Southwestern Regional Committee attended a conference held in Thunder Bay, March 18, 1985, dealing with family violence. A discussion of this issue at a community meeting resulted in members of the committee summarizing the discussions and identifying concerns for further consideration by the Immigrant Women's Committee or the Southwestern Regional Committee.

The Southwestern Regional Committee was asked to continue a dialogue with the Ontario Heritage Foundation on behalf of the Council, thereby assisting the OHF in becoming aware of the heritage of all communities within Ontario society.

Hanny Hassan
Convenor

Immigrant Women

Convenor

Mrs. Vara Singh

Members

Mrs. Mary Amyotte
Mrs. Valve Andre
Mr. L. Edinboro
Mrs. Lily Hawkins
Mrs. Mira Gawalewicz
Mrs. Deborah De Morais
Mrs. Elvira Sanchez de Malicki

The Ad-Hoc Committee on "The Immigrant Women" was invited to a luncheon with the Honourable Susan Fish, Minister of Citizenship and Culture; Dr. Mavis Burke, President of the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship; the representatives of the Ontario Advisory Council on Women's Issues and the Womens' Directorate of the Ontario government.

Since then, the committee has studied the following:

A three-page document addressing the special concerns of immigrant women was submitted as 'Proposed Considerations and Additions to the Ontario Status of Women Council's Brief "Women and Health" through the President of the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship to the Ontario Advisory Council on Womens' Issues'.

The definition of "Immigrant Women". Although the label seemed appropriate for the first three years, the committee felt this label should not extend to women who have been here for many years and those who are born here. It is still under deliberation.

The "Concept of Multiculturalism". The committee felt that the concept is not well understood by the public at large. It always seems to imply that "ethnic" refers to only a certain section of people. The Committee felt that the OACMC should play a key role in ensuring that the concerned ministries are aware of these concerns for appropriate action and suggests that continued sensitization to multiculturalism would lead to a better understanding, appreciation and empathy by both the newcomers and the established community members.

Other than the *Abella Report, 1984*, there does not seem to be appropriate material available. In order to update the information on current issues, the committee is considering an open forum to which women of identifiable multicultural groups are invited or a round-the-table conference with the various ministries of the Ontario Government offering services to immigrant women.

The following issues are also being considered: linkage between parents, children and educators; language training for immigrant women; interpreter services; leadership training for immigrant women; senior Immigrant Services; and co-ordination of all support services.

It was also agreed to survey Newcomers following the guidelines outlined below, (*i.e.*, Chinese, Polish, Vietnamese and Filipinos).

Suggested guidelines:

Age: 18 - 25	Sponsorship: Family
26 - 40	Government
41 - 55	Self
Over 55	Private

a. How long have you been in Canada?
b. What information did you receive before you came (prior to immigration) from the Canadian officials in the country where you received your visa?
c. Did you find the information you received was accurate after you immigrated?
d. What were your expectations?
e. Was your first contact with the Employment and Immigration satisfactory? If not, why not?
f. Were the Employment and Immigration counsellors sensitive to your needs? If not, why not?
g. General comments.

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The Interfaith Ad Hoc Committee consists of eleven Council members, representing seven different faith communities: Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Islam, Jewish, Native religions and Sikh.

The Interfaith Committee held three meetings, one of which was a special meeting with Council's Executive Committee.

The committee's top priority for 1984/85 was that of interfaith education.

The committee is aware of the various problems which are an integral part of a public education system in a pluralistic/multicultural society.

It was noted that the current Regulation #262 of the Education Act (Ontario) is grounded in the Judeo-Christian traditions and, as such, no longer reflects our school population. Three committee members met with representatives of the Ministry of Education to encourage them to bring Regulation #262, originally enacted in 1944, into step with current realities.

The Interfaith Committee seeks to update Regulation #262 in cooperation with the Ministry of Education:

(a) meet the different interfaith needs of the school population and

(b) protect the rights of parents and students.

Other committee priorities for 1984/85 were: chaplaincy services in penal institutions; citizenship court concerns; development of resources list on "Interfaith Understanding"; concern for interfaith sensitivity in immigration detention centres; sensitization of the business community to the religious needs of employees; and interfaith services at Queen's Park.

Mary L. Amyotte
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International Youth Year

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Proposed Projects

TELEVISION YOUTH PROJECT

This community-based television project would be a celebration of International Youth Year throughout Ontario. Regional Documentation would be reflected in a magazine format. Each cable company in the respective regions would be responsible for covering an event which celebrated International Youth Year.

Specific cable companies have been approached and inquiries have been made whether coverage of International Youth Year events are foreseen in the near future. Contact with the cable companies in the various regions of Ontario will be developed by the various members of the committee representing the northern region, eastern, southwestern, etc. Madeline Ziniak will edit the regional documentation into a magazine format to be aired throughout cable companies in Ontario.

COUCHICHING CONFERENCE

Because 1985 was International Youth Year, the committee felt that getting youth involved in the 54th Annual Couchiching Conference, "Who in the world needs Canada" would be an excellent opportunity for multicultural youth (ages 19–24).

Convenors of the five regions collected a long list of selected names. Using the following prescribed criteria for selection, they would make selections from their region that should reflect the various cultures and genders of the area.

Criteria for Selection: Demonstrated active participation in events relating to peace development issues; promoted the concept of multiculturalism in Ontario; and encouraged intercultural sharing.

Regional Medals/Youth

Regional medals were distributed to a youth in each of the following regions: Northern (Thunder Bay), Mississauga and London. The youths were selected by the committees of their respective areas using the following selection criteria which envelop the themes of INTERNATINAL YOUTH YEAR: Development, Participation and Peace – promoted the concept of multiculturalism in Ontario; encouraged intercultural sharing; and demonstrated a positive youth image (participated in the themes of International Youth Year).

The three youths would be recognized at the YOUTH FORUM hosted by Central Region "B" on June 22, 1985.

EXCHANGE PUBLICATION

After examination of the material, it was found that due to time constraints, many changes and additions could not be made. It was suggested by the committee that in order to avoid any further delay, it would be best for the project to proceed and go to print without the changes.

MULTIVIEWS

A meeting was held by the Editorial Board of *Multiviews*, in order to determine how to incorporate International Youth Year. It was decided to dedicate a section highlighting events of International Youth Year throughout the year. The first issue of the year would highlight the northern region's participation in International Youth Year.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR AT THE CNE

Inquiries were made into multicultural youth involvement for International Youth Year at the CNE. This resulted in a meeting with the Manager, who gave suggestions for more multicultural youth involvement. The committee acted as a catalyst and made the Ontario Folk Arts Multicultural Council aware of the opportunity to participate. Due to the lack of funds for any such project, they declined.

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The Editorial Board met several times to provide direction for the co-ordination of the Advisory Council's publication *Multiviews*.

After studying previous issues of *Multiviews* and other government publications, the Editorial Board agreed to give *Multiviews* a new look. The color of the masthead was changed to purple to be consistent with the conference kits and brochures for the Advisory Board.

The content of *Multiviews* was also examined. Since the introduction of a new regional focus was taking place, Editorial Board members decided there should be regional representation on the Board. One member from each regional committee should be asked to submit articles about happenings in their region. It was also suggested that there should be articles reflecting individual views from the public. A community outreach section (*e.g.*, listing multicultural events), was also suggested.

Publication details such as frequency, format, technical points re: layout (filler), printing procedures, etc., were also discussed. The Editorial Board members agreed that *Multiviews* should be published quarterly.

Attention was drawn to the United Nations' proposal that 1985 be International Youth Year. It was agreed that this topic would receive full coverage by the Editorial Board when federal and provincial decisions were brought to their attention.

Readers can look forward to future issues of *Multiviews* with articles reflecting the new regional concept of the Advisory Board, with feature articles written by members of the public and the multicultural community.

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